

March 24, 1970  
142 W Broadway  
Sparta, Illinois 62286

Mr. E. M. P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Mr. Newman.

I am enclosing 1895  
silver dollar for your  
examination as requested  
by Mr. James S. Johnson  
of Coin World.

I assume that Mr.  
Johnson filled you in  
on his findings when he  
examined the coin, also  
enclosing one dollar  
for return postage at  
your convenience.

Not X-ray but 50X stereo. I can find no alterations,  
etc., on this one, but I don't have X-ray. Nor did I  
find any evidence it was or is Proof. Owner will send  
to you.

Thanks,  
Jim

JAMES G. JOHNSON  
Coin World  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Re 1895 Dollar  
Has it been checked  
under XRay to see if  
a piece is fitted in  
~~present~~ joined

Also is date altered?

Has it been carefully  
weighed or removed?

mint mark. As carefully as I am  
able.

You can send it.

From the desk of

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 30, 1970

Mr. George S. Brown  
142 W. Broadway  
Sparta, Illinois

Dear Mr. Brown:

The 1895 Dollar which you sent is returned, herewith. It has been carefully examined under a 40 power microscope and there is no visible evidence of the removal of a mint mark but the surface is mottled. There is also no visible evidence that the 5 in the date has been added after removing another number in the date, although there is considerable scratching about the figure 5.

The probabilities are that the mint mark was removed as this could be done without noticeably damaging the surface. There is a slight clue. Your coin weighs 403 grains. When new the coin weighed 412½ grains. Silver dollars with equivalent wear were weighed for comparison and almost all weighed in the 404 to 408 grain category. Some weighed less than 403 however. If the mint mark had been removed the coin would be on the light side, but wear is unreliable as to how much is worn off and how much is spread by stacking contact. The use of dollars on gaming tables is much less deteriorating than in slot machines.

You know that the records indicate that no 1895 P Mint dollars were distributed other than proofs. You could argue that your piece could have been a proof which got into circulation, but I doubt it. The burden of proving this piece was not altered is on you.

We have no X-ray testing equipment. The Secret Service has and this would positively determine if the 5 were added to the date. The Secret Service would keep your coin if it was - they also might keep it if they felt the mint mark were altered. However, this test only eliminates one possible alteration at best.

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

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Mr. George S. Brown

March 30, 1970

We hope there will be crystal anadizers which can tell the difference between a struck metal surface and a squeezed up area even after substantial wear. It is not available so far as we know.

A non-destructive chemical analysis of the surface might show traces of abrasive material in the mint mark area but we have no such equipment which we could use without substantial cost.

We are sorry we cannot be more definite. You did not say how you got the piece or how long you have had it.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPA  
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CC:  
Mr. Jim Johnson

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6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63105

May 22, 1979

Mr. Jim C. Brown  
P. O. Box 1093  
St. Charles, MO 63301

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am assembling coin counters, coin changers and coin testing devices for a small museum. I called your wife and explained that I want to get some of the older ones which you may acquire in the course of your work. Others have given me a number of them and I have tried to repair some of them so that they are in operating order.

My office is at 400 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63102, just a block or so away from a number of the banks, and I wonder if you could come to see me at some time when you are making a call on any of the nearby banks. My office is on the Fifth Floor. If you want to telephone me, my number is 444-6525.

Your wife also told me that the Atlas Equipment Company in Kansas City has some older machines and I wanted to discuss with you what they might have as she indicated you were familiar with them.

I will be grateful for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Dec. 27, 1983

Dear Eric,

In case you don't have  
them, I thought these  
articles may be of  
interest re. embossing

Best wishes for the  
Holiday season.

Paul Brown

Locust Valley L. I. N.Y.  
Sep. 25 1963

Eug P. Newman  
New-York N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have read your book "The Secret  
of the Good Samaritan Shilling" with  
interest.

In an accumulation of old coins  
given me, I found a coin which re-  
sembles a N.E. Shilling although  
none of your illustrations seem to fit  
this coin. I am enclosing a rough  
sketch. I am sending this to you in care  
of American Numismatic Society hoping it  
reaches you. If you would like to see the  
coin itself, I will gladly send it. In any  
case, let me hear from you.

Sincerely  
Peter G. Brown  
74 Birch Hill Rd (H1560)  
LOCUST VALLEY, L. I.



September 30, 1963

Mr. Peter G. Brown  
74 Birch Hill Road  
Locust Valley, Long Island  
New York 11560

Dear Mr. Brown:

Although the coin you write about seems to be an artificial forgery, I will be glad to give you a more thorough opinion of it if you wish to send it to me.

Thank you for your nice comments on my book.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

Nov. 24 1963

Dear Mr. Newman

As requested in your letter of Sep. 30 1963, On Oct. 2, I sent you the N.E. Shilling for a more thorough examination and a 5¢ Jeff. nickel with a new face engraved on it. To date I haven't heard anything from you. I hope you received the coins.

Let's hear from you regardless.

Sincerely yours

Peter G. Brown

Loonet Valley L1 N.Y.  
Oct. 25 1963

Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave  
St. Louis 5 Mo.

Dear Mr Newman:

I am enclosing the coin so that  
you may get a more thorough opin-  
ion as to whether it is a forgery or  
not.

Sincerely yours

Peter G. Brown

P.S. Enclosing another coin for you to  
see a fair piece of amateur engraving.

December 2, 1963

Mr. Peter G. Brown  
74 Burch Hill Road  
Locust Valley  
Long Island, New York

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have your coins and am returning herewith your mutilated Buffalo nickel. There are many of these which have been carved into various faces.

I want to take a picture of your New England piece and, for that reason, have delayed its study until I do some more photography. I have been tied up in writing an extensive article which will be published in The Numismatist, in February.

I am sorry that I have caused you any concern.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 29, 1968

Mr. Robert L. Brown  
C/o The Caxton Printers, Ltd.  
Caldwell, Idaho 83605

Dear Mr. Brown:

With respect to your book on Ghost Towns of the Colorado Rockies, we are very much interested in knowing when you first became acquainted with the Parsons & Co. \$20 bar.

There have been a number of these pieces which have appeared recently and a question has been raised as to their genuineness.

Would you be kind enough to let us know if there is any mention of these bars in any early literature or newspapers, etc. or whether there is any provenance to the bar which you illustrate.

Perhaps you can tell us from whom you obtained the picture of the bar and whether you have actually seen one.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

December 12, 1972

Ms. Ruth Brown, Secretary  
Estudios Numismaticos Del Paraguay  
Casilla de Correo 1929  
Asuncion, Paraguay, South America

Dear Ms. Brown:

Your desire to obtain numismatic books appeals to two of us here in St. Louis very much. We have many duplicate books on numismatics which we could send to you in exchange for Paraguay paper money. We want to know whether you want books on classical coins, modern coins from all countries, paper money from all countries, etc. We also would like to know if we could mail such books to you without a problem. You can send to us in exchange for those books, two notes of each of those paper money<sup>denominations</sup> listed except those costing \$20 or \$25 each.

We would value the books which we send you on the basis of recent book auctions.

You may also send me other Paraguay notes not listed in your group if you wish to.

I have a friend from New York who often comes to Paraguay in connection with a meat packing plant run by the Ogden Corporation in Asuncion. His name is Lester Ginsburg.

I hope the foregoing suggestion enables you to work out something to our mutual benefit.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178  
U. S. A.

ESTUDIOS NUMISMATICOS DEL PARAGUAY  
Casilla de Correo 1929  
Asunción - Paraguay  
South America

Dear Sir,

We obtain your name and address from a local member of the Society of Paper Money Collector and World Coins, and we dare to ask your attention in order to send you enclosed two antique notes from Paraguay in UNC cond, and which we think could be of interest to you, for your paper money collection. We call your attention on the fact that these notes were the only ones with guarantee of GOLD CERTIFICATE and the last ones signed by hand.

This remittance is part of our campaign in order to obtain funds for the adquisition of a complete collection of numismatic books for the library of our Association and the total price for the two notes amounts to US\$. 2.00, which sum we should appreciate to receive in cash or personal check or money order sent directly to us by registered air mail (do not send draft, through banks, please, due to our local exchange regulations, as you know).

In case you are not interested in our remittance, we shall appreciate it very much if you could pass it on to some of your friends interested in it, or else to send the notes back by registered air mail.

Thanking in advance for your kind attention and co-operation with our library, and awaiting your comments, we remain at your disposal for any information you could need about Paraguayan Numismatic.

Very truly yours,

Ruth Brown  
Secretary



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Bayou Oaks Apts, Apt. 36  
8100 River Drive  
Houston 17, Texas  
Sept. 21, 1957

Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman,

Saw your listing in the 1957 Numismatic Directory and thought I would write you. I am interested in buying Tennessee Broken Bank Bills, Tennessee State Currency, Georgia State Confederate Bills, and South Carolina Broken Bank Bills. When possible send any of this material on approval as I have many fills and yet lack many of the varieties and minor variations. If unable to send bills please describe fully as to serial number, serial letter, denomination, date, condition and price. Thank you very much.

yours sincerely,  
Warren J. Brown



September 27, 1957

Mr. Warren F. Brown  
Bayou Oaks Apts, Apt. 36  
8100 River Drive  
Houston 17, Texas

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of September 21, 1957,  
I want you to know that I am a collector and I  
do not sell any bank notes, etc. Occasionally  
I exchange my duplicates for items I do not  
have.

If you happen to write on the subject I will be  
glad to give you data from my collection.

Sincerely yours,

EFM/atb

709-6<sup>th</sup> Ave, S.W.  
Rochester, Minnesota  
18 July 1961

Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
Saint Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

In looking through the numismatic Directory I noted your name listed under Early American Paper Money and as a result am writing you. At present I am a Fellow in training in Plastic Surgery here at the Mayo Clinic and as such receive a very small monthly stipend. My home originally was Dayton, Tennessee, and some short time ago I became interested in Tennessee Broken Bank Bills. I would like some day to write a book on the various Banks and their currency in Tennessee and am trying to gather material and notes on the different Tennessee Banks.

I am not asking for charity please don't think this! Should you happen to have any Tennessee note I would be interested in purchasing them if within

my limited means or if you know of any  
one having any Tennessee notes for sale  
I would appreciate hearing from you in this  
regard. Should you not have any notes  
now but happen to see any or purchase  
any in the future please keep me in  
mind. I am interested in all notes or  
Broken Bank Bills, scrip, ~~county~~ currency  
etc. issued by any Tennessee bank  
or State Bills. Any aid or assistance  
you may be able to give me would  
be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,  
Warren F. Brown

August 24, 1961

Mr. Warren F. Brown  
709-6th Avenue, S.W.  
Rochester, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Brown:

I note your interest in acquiring Tennessee paper money. It is often offered for sale and I saw much of it at the convention in Atlanta.

I, personally, do not sell any of the paper money in my collection. There is a new dealer who is specializing in banknotes and scrip. His name is Hank Bieciuk, P.O.Box 1235, Kilgore, Texas.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

September 26, 1966

Mr. Richard Brownlee  
State Historical Society of Missouri  
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Dick:

The luncheon, the talk, and the visit to the Society, on Saturday, was delightful and we went on to Arrow Rock to camp the rest of the weekend.

You suggested that I write you to ask for a list of your holdings of Missouri paper money, including bank notes, scrip, and State issues, as well as a list of the Missouri Confederate bonds. As soon as I receive this list I will ask for further detail.

If there is any question about any of the items perhaps a photocopy will solve the problem.

Kindest personal regards, and thanks.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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